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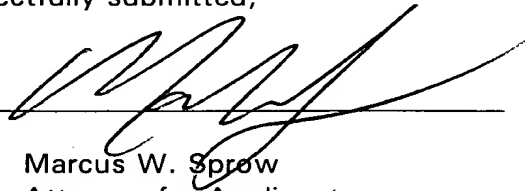
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

A2	N.-Y. Tang et al., "Microstructure and properties of continuously cast, lead-alloy strip for lead/acid battery grids", Vol. 59, No. 1-2, March-April 1996 (9 pgs.).
A3	J. E. Manders et al., "Lead/acid battery technology", Vol. 59, No. 1-2, March-April 1996 (10 pgs.).

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